

Section 99s(6) Information and FAQ

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Districts or public school academies (PSAs) interested in applying for the 2015-16 Science Olympiad Grant should complete the application via Google Form at [this link](#).

FAQ:

Who can apply?

Local Education Agencies (school districts), Intermediate School Districts (ISDs) and Public School Academies (PSAs)

When is the application due?

The deadline to submit the application is November 15, 2015.

On the application, it mentions that a verification form will need to be submitted. What is this all about?

The MDE must ensure that an authorized administration official at the district or PSA is submitting the application. The Superintendent (for districts) or School Leader (for PSAs) must sign the verification form, scan the form, and submit to MDE-SOgrant@michigan.gov as a PDF. The form is available [here](#).

Info on districts or PSAs requesting funding for ESTABLISHED Science Olympiad Teams:

For districts or PSAs requesting funding for existing Science Olympiad teams the MDE will verify with Science Olympiad that the teams have been in existence in either of the two previous school years. If Science Olympiad is unable to verify that a team has already been established, that portion of an application may not be accepted.

Info on districts or PSAs requesting funding for NEW Science Olympiad Teams:

If funds are awarded to a district or PSA for NEW Science Olympiad teams, the approval will be conditional upon verification with Science Olympiad that the district or PSA has registered one or more new teams. NEW teams form at schools that have not had a team in the past two years.

When will districts or PSAs be informed of award approval information?

Notification will be provided by December 15, 2015.

Info on the Four Categories

The four categories for application are for:

- New Elementary Teams (\$800 max)
- Established Elementary Teams (\$400 max)
- New Secondary Teams (\$1600 max)
- Established Secondary Teams (\$800 max)

A district or PSA can fund as many teams as they want within each category as long as the maximum dollar amount is not exceeded in any category. Additionally, the district must pay for at least 25 percent of the cost of participating in the Science Olympiad Program.

For the purposes of this grant, elementary teams may consist of grades K-6, and secondary teams may consist of grades 6-12.

On what basis will the funds be allocated if the total applications for support exceed the grant allocation of \$250,000?

If the grant funds requested surpass the total available grant allocation, funds will be granted first to districts and PSAs with higher student economic need.